the CGHS Dispensaries started denying treatment to the Group 'A' & 'B' officers working on deemed depution in MTNL. Then the Officers' Association had requested the authorities to extend the MTNL medical facility to Group 'A' & 'B' officers also.

(c) The Group 'A' & 'B' officers will be allowed to avail the CGHS medical facilities if they opt for it. The denial if any, from CGHS dispensaries will be taken up by Department of Telecom with the Department of Health for extending the CGHS medical facilities for the willing Group 'A' & 'B' officers on deemed deputation in MTNL.

Postage stamps on historical places

2225. SHRI S.S. CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the famous historic temples of Tamil Nadu especially from Madurai, Ramanathapuram, Thirichirpalli and Thanjavour Districts of Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether any representation has been received by Government in respect of release of special postage stamps on these historical places; and

(c) if so, the action taken by Government to have special postage stamps on those historical places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

Branch post offices in H.P.

2226. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of branch post offices working in Himachal Pradesh, District-wise and Panchayat-wise;

(b) whether Government propose to upgrade the branch post offices in the State;